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HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

House Amendments in [] — February 5, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 64.1-136.1, relating to funeral expenses.

Patrons—Howell, Kilgore, McClure and Murphy

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 64.1-136.1 as follows:

§ 64.1-136.1. Funeral expenses.

Subject to the provisions of § 64.1-157, reasonable funeral [; and] burial [~~or other related~~] expenses of a decedent shall be considered an obligation of the decedent's estate, which shall be liable for such expenses to: (i) the funeral establishment, (ii) any third-party creditor who finances the payment of such expenses, or (iii) any person [authorized to make arrangements for the funeral of the decedent] who has paid such expenses. A person who [~~makes~~ is authorized to make] arrangements for the funeral of the decedent shall have the authority to bind the decedent's estate for such expenses and may execute, on behalf of the estate, any necessary instruments.

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